

Pre - Parade Information

Please share this with all members of your group.



Welcome (back) to the Evanston 4th of July Parade!

Your participation is what makes watching our community parade something that people remember their whole lives. We hope you enjoy participating in the parade as much as the audience enjoys watching.

PARADE RULES, INSTRUCTIONS & REGULATIONS (*selected* - see full instructions at www.evanston4th.org/paradeinstructions/)

Here are (many) of the official **rules and regs** for participation in the parade.

In short:

- **Follow the instructions** from all parade officials,
- **Keep up** with the group in front of you - no one likes "gaps" while watching a parade,
- **Don't "park"** in front of the Judges Stand. Your group could be disqualified if you stay too long in front of the judges, and
- **At the "end" of the parade, keep going.** Turn the corner and keep going and turn into the parking lot so that the groups behind you can do the same. Traffic jams at the final corner are not fun for anyone!

Three more things to keep in mind:

- **Courtesy:** We are asking you to be considerate of the lawns of the residents of the assembly area. Give them the same consideration as if these homes were your own.
- **Giveaways:** Safety requirements forbid the distribution of any materials directly from the parade route. Distribution may occur from along the curb and from the sidewalks.
NO candy may be distributed anywhere; candy may not be thrown from your float.
- **Parade discipline:** The parade is under the direction of the Parade Director, Staging Manager, and Parade Marshals. They can be identified by their yellow vests, and yellow Parade Official caps. All verbal instructions from these Officials should always be obeyed.

All that said, **we hope you'll have fun** and that we'll see you back for next year!